RECEIVERSHIP IS NEARING CLOSE

Important Action in Passenger and Power Properties Litigation.

ALL CAUSES CONSOLIDATED

Next Week Decree of Reference Will be Entered and Master Appointed.

An important step in the litigation in which the affairs of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company and its affiliated corporations are involved was taken yesterday in the United States court when Judge Edmund Waddill agreed to the consolidation of all the various causes in the case and to the entry of a decree of reference and the appointment of a special master to ascertain the rights and literests of the various petitioning creditors and of the other interests involved in the property now in receivership. Next Tuesday the decree of reference, which is to be prepared and agreed upon meanwhile by the various parties in interest, will be entered and the claims of the creditors will bob submitted to a master, who shall determine the rights and priorities of the several creditors.

This action is a long step toward the designation of the receivership and the

the rights and priorities of the several creditors.

This action is a long step toward the dissolution of the receivership and the also of the property involved in such a maze of litigation that it is impossible for the lay mind to follow and compresented in such for the lay mind to follow and compresented in such in the proceeding which began about noon yesterday, consumed about two and a haf hours and attracted a brilliant array of counsel. Mr. Rathbone, of New York, and Judge William J. Leake, of this city, appeared for the Central Trust Company, of New York; Mr. Taylor, of New York, and Mr. Wyndham R. Meredit, of this city, for the Metropolitan Trust Company of New York; and others.

Eleven Thousand Ticket as Memento.

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A Special Master.

The pleadings had before Judge Wadding vesterday were'in response to a notice to all lien creditors and other parties in interest, made on the action of the Bowling Green Trust Company of New York, to hear argument on the notice as to whether all these causes should not be consolidated and a decree of reference entered, appointing a special master to ascertain the rights and interests of all concerned, including stockholders and

scertain the rights and interests of an oncerned, including stockholders and conditionables. The parties in interest were: The Bowling Green Trust Company, The John A. toebling's Sons, The Central Trust Company, The Metropolitan Trust Company and The Equitable Trust Company and The Equitable Trust Company and The Equitable Trust Company and Forey of these the Central Trust company alone opposed the proposition o consolidate the causes and the deree of reference.

Arguments were made by Judge William J. Leake, Hon. Eppa Hunton, Mr. Pranie W. Christian, Mr. Wyndham R. Iteredith, Mr. H. W. Anderson, Mr. E. J. Thomasson and Mr. James W. Goron.

Meredita, Mr. H. H. H. James W. Gordon.

The nactions taken means that on next Tuesday the court will enter the decree of reference, and soon thereafter name a master to whom the ascertainment of the rights and priorities of the various lien-holders and other parties in interest shall be referred. This action means that the property will be soid as soon as deemed advisable, not awaiting the adjudication as to the rights and priorities of the various that matter to be settled as soon as may be in the usual course. Meanwhile the court will have in its custody the proceeds of the sale of the properties and this can be disbursed when the relative rights of the various litigants have been determined. Meanwhile the purchasers of the property will be enabled to take hold and operate it, independently of the court. At present the lines of the three trolley companies are being operated by the receivers.

WATCHMEN DIE.

Successor to Dead Man's Job Dead in Twenty-four Hours. Dead in Twenty-four Hours.
Jackson Ward population is much stirred up over the deaths in rapid succession of two watchmen at St. Luke's Penny Bank. Colored people can't understand it, and the bank may have difficulty in getting another watchman.

On Saturday G. W. Early, watchman of the bank, dies' and Malachi Griffin was appointed to refar in his stead. On Sunday Malachi was found dead in his bed.

deaths in two days of men who

Two deaths in two days of men who held the same position in the same bank, is, to say the least, unusual.

The funeral of both men will be held to-day at 3 o'clock from the First Afri-

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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In this issue will be found the annual statement of the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincimati, O., for the year of 1901, as taken from the records in the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia. It will be seen that this company wrote \$2,60,600—new husiness in this State last year, which was probably not equalled by but three other companies. Something of the growth and popularity of the Union Central in this field may be seen when it is known that only ten years ago the company was comparatively new here and writing only about \$20,000 per year. This old, reliable company was established in 1967, and has now about \$44,00,000 assets, with a surplus of \$7,000,000, and, although paying the best dividends last year they have ever paid policyholders, over \$1,000,000 was carried to surplus to make increased dividends for this and future years. The good interest rate and low death loss enabled the company to do this.

The company collected over 6 per cent.

GROCERIES WAY DOWN.

Small Smithfield Ham, finest quality, pound ... 12½c Sugar Corn, 4 cans for... 25c Best New Orleans Molasses,

Silver King Best Patent Flour, \$6.00 bbl., or bag, 380

S. Ullman's

Son.

Main Street Stores, 1820-1822 East Main Street; Marshall Street Store, 508 E. Marshall St.

BIJOU BOX OFFICE

Finding No Money, He "Pied" Eleven Thousand Tickets

III. For revenge the marauder tore up and effaced about eleven thousand tickets that had been arranged for this week's sale, and made his poverty stricken es-

MR. BURTON PROMOTED.

Mr. J. G. Corley, Manager of Cable Co., Rewards Merit.

General Manager J. G. Corley, of

effective March 1st, of Mr

hard Burton as manager of the Norfoll branch of that corporation, vice Mr. W. R

Mr. Burton is a young man, popula alike among his business associates ar ability, being organist of one of Rich-

mond's prominent churches.

Mr. W. R. Lyman, whom Mr. Burton succeeds, takes a step higher on the ladder, and after March 1st will occupy an important department position with the Cable Company in Richmond.

KILLED BY GAS

HALF-CLAD GIRL FOUND

DEAD ON MOUNTAINSIDE

Best American Granulated Sugar, pound Arbuckle's Ariosa Coffee, Montgomery Irving Talks of His Wonderful Strength.

CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

MUSCLES BULGE

ON STRONG MAN

He Lifts Great Weights With His Little Fingers.

"I am strong enough to lift a church debt," said Mr. Montgomery Irving, the gentleman who is simply alive with bulging muscles at the Bijou this week. The Times-Dispatch man who saw a good deal of him." in his dressing room, hastened to agree to this and to his other

statements, for Mr. Irving has a "force-ful" way of address that has a tendency to obliterate any marked discussion of

to obliterate any marked discussion of a personal nature.

In the course of a between-the-acts conversational "mix-up," the modern hercules talked pleasantly of the duys when he first began to know that he could toy with thousand pound weights and juggle ordinary men like Indian clus.

Mr. Montgomery Irving was born in the good old town of London, and when a boy at King Edward School in the Midlands, casily surpassed his fellow students in feats of strongth.

After leaving school he was appointed a midshipmen in the Queen's navy. Soon growing tired of the sea, he secured a commission in the British army, serving in two Egyptian companies, and being in the constitute of the real of the sea, he secured a commission in the British army, serving in two Egyptian companies, and being with the force that went to the rollef of Chinese Gordon. He was wounded four times and received, two medals for bravery.

On his return to England, he went in for all branches of athleties and finally

met Schastean Miken, who for ten years had held the championship as the strong

his head.

In 1892 he defeated "Biban," the Hungarian slant, in Chicago, lifting 125 pounds or each little finger.

In 1894, in San Francisco, he defeated "Sampson," the strong man of the West, lifting 275 pounds over his head with one band.

It is hoped that Mr. Jim Journes, and arient disciplie of the strenous life will call upon Mr. Irving during his visit later in the week. If the two exponents of the muscular drams should undertake to argue the question, their arguments

Osler's theory of a man being no good after forty. This romantic actor has muscles that will endure forever. He says

DEATH FOLLOWS DEATH.

Mrs. Bennett Lives But Short Time After Her Sister.

Mrs. M. C. P. Bennett, of No. 101/4 West
Grace Street, widow of John C. F. Bennett, of Charleston, S. C., and eldest
daughter of the late Dr. James and Mary
Phillips Gardiner, of Lynn, Mass., died
at 1:30 this morning at her residence.
Notable about this sad death is the
quick succession with which it followed
that of Mrs. Bennett's sister, Miss Julia
Gertrude Gardiner, youngest daughter of
Dr. and Mrs. Gardiner, who died Saturday evening.

The arrangements for Mrs. Bennett's funeral will be announced later.

Coroner Taylor Ascertained the SHAKESPEARE'S ART. Cause of Miss Johnson's Death.

Cause of Miss Johnson's Death.

The city coroner, Dr. Taylor, in the investigation of the cause of Miss Kittle Johnson's death at the Home for Needy Confederate Women, on last Thursday, found that it was due to asphyxiation from the fumes arising from the anthracite furnace in the basement.

The basement room was like a great tank filled with the poisonous gas which arose to Miss Johnson's room by means of a disused flue.

The window of the room was down, and so it proved a death trap. Dr. Taylor states that the odor of anthracite coal gas cannot be detected, and that many illnesses arise fro mto presence of this fearful gas in the homes of Richmond. Dr. Woodward Lectures at Richmond College Thursday Night. mond College Thursday Night.

The first lecture of the faculty course of lectures at Richmond College will be given Thursday evening by Frank C. Woodward, M. A., Litt. D., professor of English. His subject will be "The Elements of Shakespeare's Art." The speaker will give an estimate of the elements that made Shakespeare the successful portrayer of character, the supreme genius of literature.

The lecture will be popular in character. The name of the speaker is sufficient guarantee of a treat, for he is known as a speaker of singular charm and clearness. The public is cordially invited to attend without card or further invitation. The lecture will begin at 8:15 P. M.

PICKETT CAMP.

The Underwood Case Is Dismissed by the Veterans.

missed by the Veterans.

Pickett Camp, Confederate Veterans, held its usual weekly meeting last night with a fair attendance, Comrade C. T. Loehr presiding.

Comrade J. E. Stansbury was reported very III, but was somewhat improved yesterday, Comrade J. T. Hay, who has been III, was reported somewhat improved. Major William Kean, of Louisa, Camp, was a visitor at the session and was accorded a cordial welcome. He made an interesting address to the veterans.

The most important matter before the camp was that which informally came up, the question of Mr. J. C. Underwood's claim to a commission on all the moneys paid in for the Confederate Battle Abbey fund.

Comrades E. Hening Smith and E. H.

to make increased dividends for this and fluture years. The good interest rate and low death loss enabled the company to do this.

Incress on its invested funds, being 2 per cent, and 21-2 per cent, and



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HOADLEY DENIES RUMORS OF HITCH

Negotiations at Present Said to be With Republic Steel and Iron Company.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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NISW YORK, Feb. 27.—Joseph H. Hoadley denied to-day that there is any hitch in the deal of the transfer of the controll interest of the Sloss-Sherield Company, to the syndicate, of which he is a member.

The more active negotiations at the moment are with the dominant interests in the Republic Iron and Steel Company. It is understood that the men who are working out the proposed merger are considering the purchase outright of the company southern properties. This would not invoive a price basis for the Republic stock. It is understood that these properties are valued at about \$20,000,000, which would be sufficient to pay off the company's outstanding preferred stock. It is also understood that the Republic Company's management will sell all its properties at a big price, but that the men who are planning the consolidation of the Southern companies have no special use for the Western properties of the Republic Company and that they are negotiating with the United States Steel Corporation to have that company take over the latter property. In the event of success on this point, it is understood that they will buy the Southern properties outright.

INSURED PAUPER; GOT MONEY WHEN SHE DIED

(By Associated Press.)

MACON, GA., Feb. 27.—The grand jury brought in two indictments to-day against Mrs. Maggie Young, charging her with

Time After Her Sister. Mrs. M. C. P. Bennett, of No. 101/4 West WOMAN FAITH CURER WILL GET NEW TRIAL

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Feb. 27.—State Senutors E. J. Emmons, Harry Bunkers, Ell Wright and Frank French were expelled from the Senute to-day for the alleged receiving of bribes to aid building and loan associations. There were no negative votes. negative votes.

Barnard-Smith.

Barnard—Smith.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 27.—Mr. Elmer E., Barnard and Miss Belle C. Smith
left here this morning and were married in Washington at noon at Saint Patrick's Cathedral by Rev. Father Stafford. Mr. Barnard is a well known civil
engineer, who is employed on the gravity
water system, and his bride is of Knoxville, Tenn., but was formerly a resident
of this city. Lately she has been the
guest of the Misses Morrison, on Fifth
Sireet. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard will visit
New York and Nagara and return to
Washington to witness the inauguration
and then return and reside here.

Japanese Domestic Loan.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Mr. Uchida, the
Japanese consul general, received notice
to-day that a domestic loan of 100,000,000
yen, about \$40,000,000, was announced in
Tokio to-day. The bonds will be at 6
per cent, interest, will be payable in
seven years, and the issue price will be
nihety.

DEATHS.

BENNETT—Lied, at 1:30 o'clock this morning at her residence, No. 1042 W. Grace, Mrs. Mr. C. P. BENNETT, widow of John C. F. Bennett, of Charleston, S. C., eidest daughter of the late Dr. James and Mary Phillips. Gardiner, or Lynn, Mass., and sister of Miss Julia Gertunde Gardiner, who died Saturday, and of the late James H. Gardiner, Funeral notice later.

FIFTEEN MINERS WERE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Were at Work in West Virginia Mine Laying Rails on Track Extension.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., Feb. 27,-The earch of mine No. 1 at Wilcoe, where search of mine No. 1 at Wilcoe, where an explosion occurred yesterday, was completed to-day and no other bodies than the fifteen previously taken out were discovered. Although other bodies may possibly be found in heaps of coal and slate that remain to be examined, it is supposed that all men in the mine have now been accounted for. The larger portion of the men killed were engaged in laying rails in extending tracks for mine cars. Only half a dozen of the miners were digging. Superintendent O'Toole says he thinks gas was responsible for the explosion.

NAN PATTERSON IN COURT AGAIN TO-DAY

CATTLE-SLAUGHTERING COUNTESS WINS SUIT

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—in a recent sult brought by Maria Francisca O'Rellly, Countess of Buena Vista, Cuba, against Major-General John E. Brooke, United States army, for \$250,000 damages for having while governor-general of Cuba deprived her of the hereditary right to slaughter all dattle for the city of Havana, Judge Holt, in the United States District Court to-day, overruled a demurrer filed by General Brooke, citalling that the facts alleged in the complaint did not constitute a cause for faction. Judge Holt, in overruling the demurrer, said that the act of General Brooke "was a confiscation of the plaintiff's property, and was wholly unlawful, tortious and unauthorized upon the part of the defendant."

FORREST STATUE TOO BIG TO HANDLE EASILY

(By Associated Press.)
SAVANNAH, GA., Feb. 27.—The equestrian statue of General Nathan Bedford Forrest, the great Confederate cavalry leader, has not arrived at Memphis, as

COL. MILES'S FUNERAL.

A Great Throng Attend the Last Rites at Marion.

Kites at Marion.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RADFORD, VA., Feb. 27.—The funeral of Colonel George W. Milet was held from the Methodist Church Marion this morning at 11 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Tyler Frazier, assisted by Rev. C. Wirt Traynham of the Baptist Church, and Rev. J. J. Shearer, a venerable minister of the Lutheran Church, over eight.

court of Appenis, and the latter Court of Park of the Latter Court of Appenis, and the latter Court of the Latter Court of Court of Latter Court

was ever seen in this section of the State.

The pall-bearers were Judge Hutton, of Abingdon; B. F. Buchanan, A. T. Lilcoln and W. B. Jackson, of Marlon; Judge George E. Cassell, J. A. Baird and A. W. Aston, of Radford, and George Peters, of Bristol.

Henorary pall-bearers—Ex-Governor Tyler, Captain William Ingles and Major J. T. Cowan, of Radford; W. C. Sexton, E. H. Copenhaver and C. C. Lincoln, of Marlon; J. Norment Powell, of Bristol, and J. T. Tate, of Chilhowie,

Among the rolatives who attended the funeral were Colonel Miles's nicces, Miss Gertrade Venable, of Radford, and Miss Elise Miles, of Charlottesville, his nephew C. O. Hearon, editor of the Bristol Herald, with Mrs. Hearon, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. C. W. Kent, of Charlottesville.

tol Herald, with any state of Charlottesville.

About a dozen of the leading citizens of
Radford left at 6:56 this morning for
Marlon, distant sixty-five miles, to attend the funeral, and there were friends
from all over the Southwest to pay the
last tribute of respect and love to the
honered dead.

A deep feeling of serrow pervades the
town of Marlon, Colonel Miles's old home,
where he is warmly loved. In Radford
the sense of loss the town has sustained
continues to cast a deep shadow over
the place, and the trolley cars, draped in
mourning against the pure mantel of
snow that fell to-day, is indescribably
pathetic.

Ludges Are Coming In.

A NNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE PISCAL YEAR ENDING THE HIST DAY OF DECEMBER 1904, OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE LINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, MADE THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, NAME OF THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, Name of the Company in full-life INSURANCE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

Name of the Company in full-life INSURANCE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA.

Character of the business transacted by the company—LIFE INSURANCE, MIXED PLAN.

President—V. G. WALKSE.

Rectelary—W. J., T. ROGERSON.

Organized and Incorporated—MARCH 21, 1871.

Commenced Business—APRIL, 1871.

Name of the General Agent in Virginia—H. W. ELLERSON.

Residence—RICHMOND, VA.

7,454 \$5,213,048 881,452 \$84,508,483 888,906 \$89,717,481 2,877 2,002,400 118,178 11,788,598 120,858 18,786,996 10,181 \$7,216,848 440,880 \$46,202,076 450,761 \$58,608,487

Whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year..... 8,832 \$5,024.085 838,641 \$37,710,001 366,873 \$43,634,036

DISBURSEMENTS.

ant of losses unpaid, and of losses unpaid in force Sist December, 1904 and of per cent, actuaries and American experience lity table. In the libitities, vis., Fremiums paid in advance, unt of other liabilities, vis., Fremiums paid in advance, under values claimable on policies cancelled whose reserves at included above.

Total ... 8,208 \$2,259,174 182,645 \$13,063,405 185,018 \$15,027,579

Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during 1004 ... 577 444,074 23,800 2,234,632 24,546 2,678,706 Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year 1904..... 2.601 \$1,815,100 108,070 \$11,433,778 111,867

Amount of lesses reported and unpaid December 31, 1904.

Amount of assessments, preniums, dues, and fees collected or secured in Virginia
during the year 1904 in cash and notes or credits, without any deduction for lossces, dividends, commissions or other expenses.

J. G. WALKER, President, W. L. T. ROGERSON, Secretary.

State of Virginia, City of Richmond—88: Sworn to February 4, 1905, before ISAAC HELD, Notary Public.

FORK UNION AFFAIRS. Three Recalcitrant Cadets Re-

turn, But Are Denied Admission

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Feb. 27.—ExMayor James L. Cole, of North Birmingham, was arrested to-day on an indotment charging embezzlement of funds
amounting to over \$5,000. It is alleged in
the bill that he misappropriated these
funds, which belonged to the municipality
of North Birmingham. He gave bond immediately.

Morton McMichael.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Feb. 27.—Morton McMichael, of
Philadelphia, died suddenly to-day at
Nice. He had been foreign correspondent for a number of American papers.

Personals and Briefs. Miss Mabel Tuke, who has been quite ill, is now able to be out.

Mr. J. N. Brenaman, who has been ill at Murphy's Hotel for a week, threatened with pneumonia, has sufficiently recovered to be able to leave his room.

The Committee on Printing falled of a quorum last night.

RAISES WORMS

ON HIS FARM Maine Man Getting Rich Grow-

make an appreciable break in the raints, at the regret felt at their precipitate action is one in which the young men themselves will assuredly, share.

The condition of the roads in Fluvanna since the general thaw set in is suggestive of the description of the country between Richmond and Williamsburg and of Velliamsburg itself, by a boy who went a few days ago to enter william and Marry College. He said the train seemed to be passing through the Dismai Swamp, and that the illusion was not dispelled by his arrival in the ancient capital.

Miss Bessle Holland, of Boscobel, Goochland county, is visiting friends in this section.

Mr. Edwin McGarvey and wife, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who for some days have been visiting at The Rectory, the home of Dr. N. B. Gay, left to-day on their return journey.

EX-MAYOR IS CHARGED

WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Feb. 27.—PX-Mayor James L. Cole, of North Birminsham, was arrested to-day on an index

Dinners Are Heavy.

It has been scriously asserted by many people that we are naturally lighter after a meal, and they have even gone the length of explaining this by the amount of gas that is developed from the food. Average observations, however, show that we lose three pounds six ounces between night and morning; that we gain one pound twelve ounces by breakfast; that we again lose about fourteen ounces before lunch; that linch puts on an average of one pound; that we again lose during the afternoon an average of ten ounces, but that an ordinary dinner to healthy persons adds two pounds two ounces to their weight.

DESKS TO Save Moncy go to SOUTHERN STAMP & STATIONERY CO. Twelve-Six Main Street.

The Valentine Museum

patholic.

Judges Are Coming In.

Judges John A. Buchanan, of Emory, va., and Stanford G. Whittle, of Marting-term of the Supreme Court of Appeals term of the Supreme Court of Appeals term of the Supreme Court of Appeals term of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Kirchina, which which which sufficiently recovered Judges Whittle has sufficiently recovered from his liness to be able to sit with the